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"World's Meanest Mother"

Submitted by Robert (Scotty) Scott

"I had the meanest mother in the world . . . while other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had Coke and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids.

My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we'd be gone for an hour, that we would be gone for one hour or less.

I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash all the dishes, make beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe that she lay awake at nights thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our lives became even more unbearable.

None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us no end, by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until I was 15 and 16.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us have ever been a success, nor have we been a mate. Each of my brothers served his time in service of his country.

And whom do we have to blame for this terrible way that we turned out . . . you're right, our mean mother.

Look at all of the things that she missed . . . we never got to take part in a riot, or to burn draft cards, and a million and one things that our friends did.

She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

Using this as a background, I am trying to rear my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean.

You see, I thank God that He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world.

PAMPLIN CONSIDERS NEW WATER SYSTEM

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Hawks said, further that FHA would accept an application for a sewerage system, too, if Pamplin citizens feel that they can undertake both projects.

He mentioned that one of the most costly parts of the system is the elevated water storage tank but with the alternate plan, using a hydro-electric pump, is is doubtful that fire insurance rates would be lowered and also, that industry would likely to be as interested in a site in Pamplin as they would in with adequate water storage facilities.

Morris Brown, Sanitary Eng. State Dept. of Health was the next speaker. He compared the suggested $10 water bill proposed to a telephone bill and termed the new water system "must more important."

Pamplin City Attorney Robert Carter gave the results of a preliminary survey of house-holders which showed thirty persons for the new system and 39 against. "We're going to have to go house to house" to ever get the system in, Carter said.

F. S. Kinney, Sr. Planner, Central Va. Planning Commission spoke to the group of 20-25 residents of the recently completed water and sewage study made by CVPC of all resources in a four-county area.

Oct. 1 Deadline

October 1st is the deadline for application by Pamplin for a grant (80% of costs, excluding engineering and legal fees), said H.W. Hawks, of FHA. Pamplin, he said, is near the top of a four-year priority list.

Abbitt Speaks

Rep. Watkins M. Abbitt was the last speaker of the evening. He said that he doesn't know the details of Pamplin's needs but that he is offering whatever help he can give. He cited the case of Appomattox which installed both a water and sewerage system when the town growth demanded it. He said that he has found, through the years, that "whenever the need comes, our people will respond."

Arthur L. Mitchell, Jr., Dist. Superintendent, FHA, of Kenbridge, was among officials present.

Annual Coop

The local Southern States Cooperative annual membership meeting for the Appomattox area will be held July 22,1971.

Does Anyone Have Piano To Sell?

If any reader has a piano to sell, there are several people looking for them. Judging by the response to a want-ad last week offering an upright piano for sale, at least six more pianos are needed, one for a church - the others for beginning piano students. Place a want-ad in the TIMES-VIRGINIAN! We're no kidding when we say that want ads DO SELL MERCHANDISE.

Pastor Speaks

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6

Thirst was a problem well known in Palestine in the 1st Century. The land is dry, very arid. Some areas of it are in near desert conditions. A traveler cutting north and south in the Holy Land would pass through some dry regions. The traveler who went from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea would also get quite thirsty. Thirst was something the people knew.

Hunger was also something not foreign to many. Money wasn't plentiful, and the family food fare was much less attractive than we eat nowadays.

When Jesus spoke about hungering and thirsting after righteousness, he spoke in terms that people could grasp. We are to desire holy living, moral behaviour, upright activity just as much as we desire water when we are thirsty and food when we are hungry.

To those who hunger and thirst after righteousness in this way, Jesus gives another promise. You will be filled. Your desire will be met. It will be satisfied.

For those of us here today who truly want victory over weakness, power over impotence, triumph instead of defeat, for these there is a promise. If we are hungry and thirsty enough, God will fill us with his power, his presence, in short, with himself. We will be filled. We will be transformed.

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

HOW FREE ARE YOU?

Lesson for July 4, 1971

Background Scripture: Mark 10:43-45; John 8:31-42; I Corinthians 6:12; 9:19-23; Galatians 5:13-26

Devotional Reading: Psalms 106:1-12

There is a lot of confusion about this word "freedom."

Take, for example, the confusion of a college freshman whom we shall call "Jim." Upon arriving at college, Jim felt like shouting, "Free at last!" No more would his parents be there to tell him what he could and couldn't do. From now on he would be governing himself.

Called To Freedom

Jim found himself doing a lot of things he hadn't been able to do before and this exercise of his freedom had a delicious taste to him. In a month, he was spending a good deal of time with a group of five or six other students from his dormitory at a little bar just next to the campus. As time went on, less and less time was spent in study. By the end of the semester, Jim had been placed on "academic probation." Sitting in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, he reflected upon the price he had paid in order to exercise his new freedom. Now the important question was: "Can I break out of this pattern I've slipped into? He had become a slave to his own immaturity.

This was precisely the problem that prompted Paul to write his epistle to the congregation at Galatia. He felt it important to remind them of what they had been called to: "For you were called to freedom, brethren" (5:13). They needed to be reminded that the gospel of Jesus Christ had set them free from sin, but that they were not intended to remain in bondage to anything or anyone — least of all themselves!

This is the ironic thing about freedom: when we are made free to make our own choices, some of us choose slavery in some other form. So Paul tells the Galatians that God didn't free them from their old pagan lives so that they could live in bondage to either passion or the Jewish law. He set them free so that they would really be free.

Through Love Be Servants

Look at the catalogue of sins he finds among these so-called "liberated" people: Immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, etc. If any of the Galatians were subject to any of these, Paul said, then they had traded their freedom for slavery.

Paul does not end with condemning slavery. He shows, however, how a man can use his Christian freedom. Motivated by the power of love, the Christian is set free to choose to serve others. A servant is in bondage to a master. The servant does not serve him because he wishes to, but because he is in bondage.

Not so, however, with the Christian, Paul says. Because he doesn't have to serve anyone, he may choose to put his life in the service of someone who needs it, and if he freely makes the choice himself, even though he serves, he retains his freedom. This is what was unique and compelling about Jesus' servanthood: he was not forced to serve, he chose to do so. Therefore, it was his, his dignity was taken away.

Freedom Model

Martin Luther in his Christian man is a perfect lord of all, subject to Christian is a perfect servant of all, subject. This is the meaning of freedom: to be able to follow willingly the law within us.

How free are you?

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...drun Riemann, an ex-...teacher at Appomattox ...ion in 1957, has return-...a six-day visit with Mrs. ...Powell and Mr. and Mrs. ...Jamerson.

...visit here in 1957 as a ...ence teacher. Miss ...says that Appomattox ...but "the people are ...nice." Her flight ...from her home at Aal-...uneventful she said, ...'s nothing to do," counting ...trip to the airfield at ...then about nine ...Kennedy Airport and ...three hour trip to Ap-

...World War II years ...Virgin Islands and the U. ...been caught here by ...ing of the war, a for-...tion, she says, when ...were living conditions ...here at that time.

...science teacher she is ...in the American ...Denmark does not have ...them). She has never seen one, she says, but she realized that not many people are going to volunteer to secure one for her . . . for obvious and odoriferous reasons.

Sherwill 4-H Receive State Safety Award

Terry Coffey and Mrs. James F. McKenzie recently attended the Safety Convention Luncheon in Roanoke, Va. at which time the Sherwill 4-H Club was recognized for its outstanding work in safety. The award was presented by Collier Johnson. This was announced at the Monday morning meeting of Dr. John Mahan, Professor of Biology at Lynchburg College, presented a program on Entomology at the Sherwill Community Center where bugs and insects were collected in the Lynchburg area, he gave an illustrated talk. He was introduced by Glenn Giles.

Following a short business meeting with Carolyn Giles, Pres. presiding and Courtney King conduction devotions, James Hancock III presented a talk on Forestry.

It was reported that Jane Carrette and Carolin Giles served as Judges at the 4-H Area Junior Contests held in Roanoke. At this time James Hancock, III represented Campbell County with an Electric Demonstration - receiving a red ribbon.

Carolyn Giles participated in the West Central Senior Dress Review and received first place.

Glenn Giles and Mrs. Melvin Giles served refreshments The next meeting will be on June 28 with Horticulture as a topic.

James Hancock, III
Reporter

On Dean's List

Hampden-Sydney, Va. -Larry F. Smith of Appomattox, Va., has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the Spring semester at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, according to Dr. Frank Stimes, academic dean.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.3 overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

A graduate of Appomattox High School in Appomattox, Va. he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Smith of Appomattox, and is majoring in biology.

At Hampden-Sydney, he has been a member of the staff of "The Tiger", student newspaper, a chemistry lab assistant and Independents Association.

Hampden-Sydney is a private liberal arts college for men and is the tenth oldest institution of higher learning in the U. S. The school has been in continuous operation since its founding in 1776 and today has an enrollment of 680 students from 20 states and four foreign countries.

Prizes For Ticket Holders

There were 16 prizes for ticket holders (above) at the grand opening of Marshall Goin's National Automotive Parts Association store on Harrell St. Monday evening. A picnic jug, Propane torch, salad set, travel clock, flashlights were only a part of the windfall for visitors who stayed for the 8:30 p.m. drawing at the W. O. W. Building. Howard Brown is the other member of the sales team at NAPA here, and several company representatives were on hand to talk with gas station operators and others. Out-of-town representatives included Max Bulla, Ecklund Ignition; Charles Floyd, NAPA; Ted Bennett, NAPA; Steve Atwill, NAPA Filters; Bob Grove, NAPA Batteries, Chuck Schmitz, Visall; Emmitt Crocker, Sound Master Exhaust; Dick Via, Champion Spark Plugs; Jack Clayton, AC.

BECKHAM

JUNE 29 – Mr. and Mrs. Melin Bentjen and family, of Kettering, Ohio, visited with Mrs. Fannie Crews last week.

Mrs. Ashby Martin spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard visited in this home Friday night.

Michelle Tweedy returned to her home Saturday after undergoing a tonsillectomy on Friday. Visiting her on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Moore and Sue, Miss Betty Moore, Miss Sandra Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Debbie and Gwen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin and Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin were Mr. Wesley Bethel and Mrs. S. G. Martin. Mr. Abner Martin is spending some time in Dallas Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Jennings and Mrs. Cassie Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mays, of Forest, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burge and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Burge and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge on Monday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Debbie and Gwen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Stoner Oglesby, of Lynchburg, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore recently visited Mrs. Hermon Moore, Sr. Mrs. Percy Reynolds visited Mrs. Moore Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy visited Mr. and Mrs. Mundy Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Watts Moore and family.

Mrs. Allen Moore, Debbie and Gwen visited Mr. Allen Moore on Catawba Saturday.

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